

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission May 17, 2004

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Hower
Vice Chair Goolsby
Commissioner Bessa
Commissioner Peterson
Commissioner Pritchard
Commissioner Wolf

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2004 as amended.

Motion: Peterson
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Ursula Lemanski of the EAC talked to the Tree Commission about a presentation that was made to Town Council regarding a Watershed Management Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Hower gave an update on the Urban Forestry Master Plan and stated that the Town Council has not added the \$25,000 request from the Planning Department to the FY05 budget.

The Tree Commission had a brief discussion regarding the budget for the Urban Forestry Master Plan.

Commissioner Goolsby stated that he had prepared letters of appreciation for the Flower and Garden Show.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Chairperson Hower stated that the Town did submit a request for 7.19 million dollars in Capital Improvements for the years 2005-2009.

The Tree Commission had a discussion regarding the Storm Water Capital Improvements Projects.

Chairperson Hower stated that Bruce Douglas and Susan Swift were at last weeks Town Council meeting to discuss the Dominion-Virginia Power Line project.

The Tree Commission had a discussion regarding the Dominion-Virginia Power Line project.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks talked about a proffer for Balls Bluff Park, which involves removing a lot of the forest coverage for the park. Mr. Banks also talked about the site behind the old Kmart building where an office building is to be built and more trees will be removed.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bessa thanked Mrs. Julie Overman for passing out flyers to homeowners in the Town regarding tree care.

Commissioner Wolf stated that she was surprised at the level of tree loss in the Town.

Commissioner Goolsby stated that he was able to plant some of the seedlings from the Flower and Garden show and the trees are doing great.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he met with the Exeter HOA and gave them brochures about proper mulching and proper pruning.

Chairperson Hower stated he will be attending the Tree Volunteer workshop and he also attended the Flower and Garden award presentation by the Virginia Tourism.

COUNCILMANIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Goolsby

Second: Bessa

Carried: 5-0

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester